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FOR THE SECRETARY, NIMETZ AND VEST

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SUBJECT' US-TURKISH RELATIONS

1. AS DEPARTMENT WILL SEE FROM OUR PRESS REPORTING, GOT IS REACHING PITCH NEARING HYSTERIA ON SUBJECT OF US-GOT RELATIONS. WE DO NOT KNOW HOW TO DEAL WITH THIS IN ABSENCE OF PRECISE KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT SECRETARY SAID IN SENATE COMMITTEE. IN ANY EVENT WE THINK TRANQUILIZATION WILL HAVE TO COME FROM WASHINGTON, SINCE AT THIS POINT - AND I HOPE TEMPORARILY - I HAVE LOST MY CREDIBILITY WITH TURKS, WHO THINK EITHER THAT I AM STRINGING THEM ALONG OR THAT I HAVE MYSELF BEEN KEPT IN DARK BY WASHINGTON. UNFORTUNATELY, IT APPEARS THAT WHATEVER UNDERSTANDING PREVIOUSLY EXISTED BETWEEN THE SECRETARY AND ECEVIT HAS FALLEN APART.

2. ONE IMMEDIATE DANGER HERE IS THAT TURKISH OVER-REACTION AND EMOTIONAL STATE INTO WHICH THEY HAVE WORKED THEMSELVES WILL LEAD THEM TO DO SOMETHING FOOLISH. AT THIS POINT ALSO I THINK THE PROSPECTS OF OUR GETTING ANY DETAILS OF TURKISH PROPOSALS ON CYPRUS THROUGH NORMAL DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS IS PRECISELY ZERO.

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3. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES I REITERATE MY RECOMMENDATION (ANKARA 1850) THAT DEPARTMENT CALL IN ESENBEL SOONEST AND TELL HIM WHAT SECRETARY SAID, ALONG WITH WHATEVER GBOSS CAN BE PUT ON IT. WE ALSO NEED TO STRAIGHTEN OUT THE FACTS ABOUT WHETHER ADMINISTRATION OR CONGRESS ITSELF DELAYED HEARINGS. AT THIS POINT TURKS THINK I LIED TO THEM.

4. I ALSO RECOMMEND SECRETARY TELEPHONE ECEVIT. I WOULD HOPE HE COULD TELL HIM THAT PRESIDENT HAS DECIDED TO GO AHEAD WITH DCA ON APRIL 4 BUT WE THINK A PREMATURE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THIS WOULD ONLY GIVE OPPOSITION TIME TO BUILD UP, SO PERHAPS THEY COULD GET OFF OUR BACKS ON THE QUESTION OF TACTICS. WE PLAN TO GO AHEAD WHETHER OR NOT WE GET BRIEFED ON TURKISH PROPOSALS, BUT WE MUST TELL HIM CANDIDLY THAT WHATEVER THE IMPRESSION CREATED BY THE ZZBLOCKI LETTER, WE THINK OUR SUCCESS WILL BE MUCH LESS PROBLEMATICAL IF WE CAN SAY THAT WE HAVE SOME KNOWLEDGE OF THE POSITION THE TURK CYPRIOTS WILL TAKE IN NEGOTIATIONS AND OUR ASSESSMENT IS THAT THIS POSITION OFFERS PROMISE FOR CONSTRUCTIVE NEGOTIATION. THE SECRETARY COULD SAY THAT HE WANTS TO WIN THE FIGHT FOR ENDORSEMENT OF THE DCA; IT IS UP TO ECEVIT TO DECIDE TO WHAT EXTENT HE CAN HELP ASSURE OUR SUCCESS BY SHARING WITH US, PERHAPS THROUGH DENKTASH, THE GIST OF THE CYPRUS PROPOSALS IN ADVANCE OF THE HEARINGS.

5. I SEE NO POINT IN REITERATING THIS AT A LOWER LEVEL.
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